

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for a manufacturer to order or ordering material, comprising:

considering a quantity of a material available from a plurality of suppliers via a computer system;

considering a quantity of a material available from a plurality of supplier logistics centers via a computer system;

identifying a supplier or a supplier logistics center to receive an order for the material based upon the considering; and

sending electronically an order for the material to the supplier or supplier logistics center identified to receive the order

wherein the material is not ordered until a the manufacturer realizes a demand, wherein a the manufacturer realizes the demand for the material after orders are received from customers, fulfilling the orders requires assembling the products, and assembling the products requires the material.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein when the order for the material is sent electronically to a supplier logistics center, the supplier logistics center receiving previously received the material from a supplier.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 3, wherein the manufacturer takes title to the material after the material is shipped by the supplier.

5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the order requires delivery of the material within a specified period of time.

6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 5, wherein the specified period of time is less than one day.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a computer system, comprising:  
considering a quantity of a material available from a plurality of suppliers via a computer system;  
considering a quantity of a material available from a plurality of supplier logistics centers via a computer system;  
identifying a supplier or a supplier logistics center to receive an order for the material based upon the considering;  
ordering the material from the supplier or supplier logistics center identified to receive the order; and  
assembling the computer system at an assembly facility from the material received at the assembly facility.

8. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the material is ordered after a manufacturer realizes a demand, wherein a the manufacturer realizes the demand for the material after orders are received from customers, fulfilling the orders requiring requires assembling the products computer system, and assembling the products computer system requiring requires the material.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 7, wherein when the material is ordered from a the supplier logistic center, the supplier logistics center previously received receives the material from a supplier.

10. (Original) The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the manufacturer takes ownership of the material after the material is shipped by the supplier.

11. (Original) The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the order specifies delivery of the material within a specified period of time.

12. (Original) The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the specified period of time is less than one day.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a computer system, comprising:

considering a quantity of material available from a plurality of suppliers via a computer system;

considering a quantity of a material available from a plurality of supplier logistics centers via a computer system;

identifying a supplier or a supplier logistics center to receive an order for the material based upon the considering;

sending electronically an order for the material to the supplier or supplier logistics center identified to receive the order; and

manufacturing the computer system at a manufacturing facility using the material received at the manufacturing facility.

14. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the material is ordered after a demand is realized by ~~the~~ a manufacturer, wherein the manufacturer realizes the demand for the material after orders are received from customers, fulfilling the orders requires assembling the products, assembling the products requires the material.

15. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein when the material is shipped from a ~~the~~ supplier logistics center, wherein the supplier logistics center previously received receives the material from a supplier.

16. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the manufacturer takes title to the material after the material is shipped by the supplier.

17. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the order requires delivery of the material within a specified period of time.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 17, wherein the specified period of time is 1 day.

19 - 25. (Cancelled)